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FOR : HIGH-SPEED SHEAR FOR TRANSVERSE CUTTING
OF A ROLLED STRIP
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR sections 1.97 and 1.98, applicants respectfully request that the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449, be made of record and considered in connection with the examination of this application. Copies of the listed document are enclosed. A translation of the foreign language documents is not readily available.

German Publication DE 197 46 528A discloses a high-speed shear having two drums (6, 7) one of which carried a chisel cutter (1) and the other carries an anvil (24) that cooperates with the chisel cutter for cutting the strip. A controlled adjusting device (36) displaces the two drums toward each other for cutting a run-through strip. The synchronization of the displacement of the two drums is effected by using electrical, electronic, and mechanical means (not shown).

EP 0 904 877A2 discloses a method of and an apparatus for cutting continuously supply material.

German Publication DE-OS 26 54 866 discloses a flying shear with blade drums (21, 29) rotationally connected with each other. The disclosed shear has a drum rotating device with a force transmitting mechanism (39, 42, 41, 38, 37) that connects the two drums and insures that their speeds are synchronized with the running speed of the fed material. This German Publication further discloses a drum adjusting device (31, 32, 32a, 26, 26a) for displacing the drums between an open position and a cutting position, and a control unit (46) for controlling the motor of the adjusting device and which controls the displacement of the drums between the open and cutting position.

No fee is required as this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted together with application documents.

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